

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

This invention relates to a cap ~~suitably used for being fitted into~~ suitable for use as a wiring pass-through hole provided in a wall of a top board or a side board of a desk or the like. The cap may be used for passing through ~~the wiring pass-through hole~~ wiring cords drawn out of a floor surface or the like when the wiring cords should be connected to an electronic instrument such as a personal computer on an article of furniture such as a desk, a counter, a table, a panel or the like ~~and more particularly to a~~. The cap for covering covers the wiring pass-through hole without ~~any damage of an appearance detracting from~~ the appearance of the article even when the wiring cords don't pass through the hole.

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

There is disclosed in Patent Document 4 JU 7-24135 a cap for wiring pass-through hole suitable for being used for the side board of the desk or the like in which the aforementioned disadvantage is avoided and the brief construction thereof is illustrated in Fig. 6.

Please delete paragraph [0007].

At page 7, line 22, delete the heading "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" and insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

In the illustrated form, the engagement means 1C comprises a ~~plural~~ plurality of saw-teeth-like meshing or interlocking portions 1f protruding inwardly from and formed on the free end of the cylindrical portion 1c of the first cylindrical member 1A in a spaced manner in the peripheral direction (see Fig. 4B). ~~and a plural~~ A plurality of saw-teeth-like meshing or interlocking portions 1g are provided on the outer face of the cylindrical portion 1d of the second cylindrical member 1B to be meshed with the saw-teeth-like meshing portions 1f. The meshing portions 1g of the second cylindrical member 1B are formed in an elongated manner in the axial direction ~~and therefore even though the thickness.~~ Therefore, a wide range of thicknesses of the wall board Y has substantially large difference, the can be accommodated. The first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1b can maintain the meshing portions 1f and 1g meshed with each other while they hold the wall board Y between them whereby the wall board Y can be ~~in the state of being held~~ gripped by the outer flanges 1a and 1b.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

In case that the engagement means 1C is short of the ~~strength~~ length with which the wall board is held between the first and second cylindrical members, a spacer 5 of appropriate thickness may be inserted between the wall board Y and the outer flange 1b as shown in Fig. 1B. The spacer 5 serves to compensate the shortage of the ~~holding strength~~ holding length.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

In the illustrated form, the removal prevention means 3 comprises inner shoulder portions 1h and 1i formed on the inside of the cylindrical portions 1c and 1d of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B and striped protrusion portions 2c and 2d of semicircular cross section formed on the edges of the cylindrical frames 2g and 2h of the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B. As the cylindrical frames 2g and 2h are engagably inserted into the cylindrical portions 1c and 1d of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B, the protrusion portions 2c and 2d at the edges of the cylindrical frames ~~2c and 2d~~ 2g and 2h resiliently engage the inner shoulder portions 1h and 1i of the cylindrical portions 1c and 1d whereby the

first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B are prevented from being unwillingly removed out of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

~~The A~~ removal prevention means ~~3~~ 3' in another form is shown in Fig. 2 ~~and this.~~ This removal prevention means ~~3~~ 3' comprises axial pressurization portions ~~1j and 1k~~ 1'j and 1'k formed by the cylindrical portions ~~1e and 1d~~ 1'c and 1'd themselves of the first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1'A and 1'B, respectively and non-axial pressurization portions ~~2e and 2f~~ 2'e and 2'f formed by the cylindrical frames ~~2g and 2h~~ 2'g and 2'h themselves of the first and second lid-like members ~~2A and 2B~~ 2'A and 2'B, respectively. The non-axial pressurization portions ~~2e and 2f~~ 2'e and 2'f (cylindrical frames ~~2g and 2h~~ 2'g and 2'h) of the first and second lid-like members ~~2A and 2B~~ 2'A and 2'B are forced into the axial pressurization portions ~~1j and 1k~~ 1'j and 1'k (cylindrical portions ~~1e and 1d~~ 1'c and 1'd) of the first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1'A and 1'B and the first and second lid-like members ~~2A and 2B~~ 2'A and 2'B are prevented from being unintentionally or unwillingly removed out of the first and second

cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1'A and 1'B by frictional resistance based on the resilient engagement of the pressurization portions. This is true because of the pressurization portions ~~2e and 2f~~ 2'e and 2'f are forced into the pressurization portions ~~1j and 1k~~ 1'j and 1'k.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

~~The A~~ removal prevention means ~~3~~ 3" in a further form is shown in Fig. 3 ~~and the~~. The removal prevention means ~~3~~ 3" of this form comprises at least two pawl pieces ~~2i~~ 2"i formed on the first and second lid-like members ~~2A and 2B~~ 2"A and 2"B and having protrusion ~~2j-2"j~~ formed at their leading ends. As the pawl pieces ~~2i~~ 2"i are resiliently meshed with the not shown inner shoulder portions formed on the first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1"A and 1"B, respectively in the same manner as those in the form of Fig. 1 so that the protrusions ~~2j~~ 2"j at their leading ends are engaged with the inner shoulder portions of the first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1"A and 1"B whereby the first and second lid-like members ~~2A and 2B~~ 2"A and 2"B are prevented from being removed out of the first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1"A and 1"B.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

In this manner, since the first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1"A and 1"B are fitted into the wiring pass-through hole H in the wall board Y from both sides thereof, ~~whereby~~ they are held in accordance with the thickness W of the wall board Y. ~~and in~~ In addition thereto, the first and second lid-like members ~~2A and 2B~~ 2"A and 2"B are engaged with the corresponding first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1"A and 1"B while they are prevented from being removed ~~out thereof~~ so that the first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1"A and 1"B are closed[,]. The ~~the~~ first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1"A and 1"B can be positively attached to the wall board Y in spite of the size W of the thickness of the wall board Y and therefore the cap never falls away even though it is attached to the vertical surface such as the side board of the desk.

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

Since the first and second lid-like members ~~2A and 2B~~ 2"A and 2"B close the wiring pass-through hole H in the wall board Y, the holes do not detract from the wall board

appearance, ~~is never damaged and furthermore, normally~~
Furthermore, the wiring cord or cords can usually pass
through the small quantity wiring pass-through openings ~~2b~~
2"b in the first and second lid-like members ~~2A and 2B~~ 2"A
and 2"B. In case of the increasing number of the wiring
cords, by removing the first and second lid-like members ~~2A~~
~~and 2B~~ 2"A and 2"B out of the first and second cylindrical
members ~~1A and 1B~~ 1"A and 1"B, the large inner peripheral
surfaces of the first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and~~
~~1B~~ 1"A and 1"B are exposed. ~~so as to be more largely~~
~~opened,~~ This provides a larger opening so that the
cylindrical members themselves may be used for large
quantity wiring pass-through opening 4, ~~which will be~~
~~easily understood.~~

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following
amended paragraph:

~~As~~ Referring to the illustrated embodiments, as the
spacer 5 is inserted between the wall board Y and at least
one of the cylindrical members ~~1A or 1B~~, the cylindrical
members ~~1A and 1B~~ can more positively hold the wall board Y
between them ~~and~~. Further, the saw-teeth-like meshing
portions ~~1f and 1g,~~ which are the engagement means ~~1C~~ to
engage the first and second cylindrical members ~~1A and 1B~~
to each other, can positively hold the wall board Y between

the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B in accordance with various thicknesses W of the wall board Y.

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

~~By the inner shoulder portions 1h and 1i of the cylindrical members 1A and 1B and the pawl portions 2g and 2h of the lid-like members, the axial pressurization portions 1j and 1k of the cylindrical members 1A and 1B and the non-axial pressurization portions 2e and 2f of the lid-like members 2A and 2B or the pawl pieces 2j with the protrusions 2i of the lid-like members 2A and 2B and the inner shoulder portions of the cylindrical members 1A and 1B, which are the removal prevention means 3 to prevent the first and second lid-like members from being unwillingly removed out of the first and second cylindrical members, the first and second lid-like members 2A and 2B are more positively prevented from being unwillingly removed out of the first and second cylindrical members 1A and 1B. The removal prevention means in the illustrated embodiments~~
inhibits the unintentional removal of the lid-like members from the first and second cylindrical members. To that end, the inner shoulders 1h and 1i of the cylindrical members 1A and 1B may be provided as shown in the embodiment of FIG. 1. In the embodiment of FIG. 2, the axial pressurized portions 1'j and 1'k of the cylindrical members 1'A and 1'B cooperate with the non-axial

pressurization portions 2'e and 2'f of the lid-like members 2'A and 2'B. In the embodiment of FIG. 3., the pawl pieces 2"i on the lid-like members 2"A and 2"B are resiliently meshed with inner shoulders (not shown) on the cylindrical members 1"A and 1"B.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

According to the cap for wiring pass-through hole of the invention, the cap can be applied not only for a horizontal surface of a top board of a desk or the like, but also on a vertical surface of a side board or the like. and Further, the cap has a broad range of applications since the cap comprises the cylindrical members and the lid-like members and can be applied for large or small quantity of wiring by attaching the ~~lid-like~~ lid-like members to the cylindrical members or by removing the lid-like members out of the cylindrical members ~~with the result that the possibility of utilization in industries can be improved.~~